

**ABSTRACT**

In accordance with the present invention, there are provided fully human  
5 monoclonal antibodies against human cytotoxic T-lymphocyte antigen 4  
(CTLA-4). Nucleotide sequences encoding and amino acid sequences  
comprising heavy and light chain immunoglobulin molecules, particularly  
contiguous heavy and light chain sequences spanning the complementarity  
determining regions (CDRs), specifically from within FR1 and/or CDR1  
10 through CDR3 and/or within FR4, are provided. Further provided are  
antibodies having similar binding properties and antibodies (or other  
antagonists) having similar functionality as antibodies disclosed herein.